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## APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705

Sir:

Applicants request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment of zero days indicated in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b), which was attached to the October 6, 2005 Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application. Applicants calculate the term adjustment to be 137 days.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.702, the above-identified application was filed after May 29, 2000 and, therefore, is eligible for patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b).

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The issue fee is being paid concurrently herewith. Thus, this request for reconsideration is filed no later than payment of the issue fee, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b).

Applicants have provided for payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e), as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(1).

The statement of facts regarding the correct patent term adjustment, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2), is as follows:

- (i) Applicants filed the above-Identified application on September 28, 2001. The first office action (a restriction requirement) was mailed on February 26, 2003. Therefore, the Office failed to mail a notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 or notice of allowance not later than fourteen months after the application filing date, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), resulting in 90 credit days [37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1)].
- (ii) Applicants filed a response to the restriction requirement on March 18, 2003. The Office mailed a non-final rejection on June 24, 2003. Applicants filed a response to the non-final rejection on September 26, 2003. Thus, applicants failed to reply to the rejection within three months after the rejection mailing date, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.704 (b), resulting in 2 debit days.
- (iii) The Office mailed a non-final rejection on January 27, 2004.

  Thus, the Office failed to respond to a reply under 35 U.S.C. §
  132 not later than four months after the date on which the reply
  was filed, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(2), which results
  in 1 credit day [37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(2)].
- (iv) Applicants filed a response to the non-final rejection on April 27, 2004. The Office mailed a notice of informal or non-responsive amendment on June 6, 2005. Applicants filed a response to the

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notice on June 29, 2005. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(7), this results in 428 debit days.

- The Office mailed a notice of allowance on October 6, 2005. (v) According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(b), the term of the original patent shall be adjusted if the issuance of the patent was delayed due to the failure of the Office to issue a patent within three years after the date on which the application was filed, which date was September 28, 2001. No time was consumed by continued examination, an interference proceeding, imposition of a secrecy order, review by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or delay in processing of the application requested by the applicants for the above-identified application [37 C.F.R. § 1.702(b)]. Given that the projected issue date of the aboveidentified application is April 18, 2006, applicants are due 567 credit days. If the application issues earlier or later than April 18, 2006, then the exact number of credit days will be fewer or greater, respectively.
- (vi) The longest of the three overlapping credit-day periods discussed above is 567 days. The sum of the two debit-day periods discussed above is 430 days. Accordingly, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(f), the patent term adjustment is 567 days less 430 days, totaling 137 days.
- (vii) The patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer [37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(iii)].
- (viii) There were no circumstances constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704 [37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(2)(iv)].

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A Fee Transmittal Form is enclosed herewith authorizing the fee of \$200.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1. 8(e) and any additional fees to be charged to our Deposit Account. Any refund in fees may be credited to the same Deposit Account.

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Tel: (908) 298-7482 Fax: (908) 298-5388 Respectfully submitted,

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